

In the Claims:

1. (Original) A tile positioning device for height adjusting a tile located on a roof hip or ridge joint, each tile having upper and lower faces, the device comprising:

two opposing longitudinal spaced apart side members arranged for straddling a roof hip or ridge joint,

means for maintaining the longitudinal side members in a substantially parallel configuration, and

at least one tile-pressing element mounted between the longitudinal side members, the or each tile-pressing element being arranged to act upon the upper face of a tile located between the longitudinal side members, so as to height position the tile relative to the device.

2. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the at least one tile-pressing element has a degree of freedom along an axis perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the longitudinal side members.

3. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the at least one tile-pressing element has a degree of freedom along the longitudinal axis of the side members.

4. (Currently Amended) The device of ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein the at least one tile-pressing element is mounted to a carrier which has a first end which is pivotably mounted on the device, and a second free end, so as to allow the tile-pressing element to be moved from an operative position to an inoperative position where the free end of the carrier is pivoted away from the device.

5. (Original) The device of claim 4 wherein the tile pressing element is adjustable relative to the carrier.

6. (Cancelled) without prejudice or disclaimer

7. (Currently Amended) The device of ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the at least one tile-pressing element comprises an actuating portion and a tile engaging portion.

8. (Currently Amended) The device of ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the tile engaging portion comprises a pair of pads, for engagement with the upper face of a tile, the tile having an apex, wherein each pad is positioned to engage the upper face of the tile at either side of the apex.

9. (Cancelled) without prejudice or disclaimer

10. (Cancelled) without prejudice or disclaimer

11. (Cancelled) without prejudice or disclaimer

12. (Currently Amended) The device of ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the means for maintaining the longitudinal side members in a substantially parallel configuration is adjustable so as to allow the spacing between the longitudinal side members to be varied.

13. (Currently Amended) The device of ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 further comprising securing means for securing the position of the device relative to a tile.

14. (Currently Amended) The device of claim ~~[[9]]~~13, wherein the securing means ~~comprises~~ comprises a safety line attachable to a roof ridge.

15. (Currently Amended) The device of ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 further comprising support means for supporting a user of the device.

16. (Original) The device of claim 15, wherein the support means are hand and/or foot holds.

17. (Original) The device of claim 16, wherein the hand and/or foot holds are displaceable between an in use position and a stored position.

18. (Currently Amended) The device of claim [[16 or]]17 wherein the hand and/or foot holds are biased away from an operative roof-engaging position toward an inoperative non-roof-engaging position.

19. (Original) The device of claim 18 wherein the hand and/or footholds have a first end attached to the device and a second free end and further comprising a contact pad mounted on the free end of the or each hand and/or foothold and arranged to abut the roof in the roof engaging position.

20. (Currently Amended) The device ~~according to any one of claims~~ claim 16 wherein the hand and/or footholds move from an inoperative position to the operative position when user weight is placed thereon.

21. (Cancelled) without prejudice or disclaimer

22. (Cancelled) without prejudice or disclaimer

23. (Cancelled) without prejudice or disclaimer

24. (Currently Amended) A method of height adjusting a tile located on a roof hip or ridge joint, each tile having upper and lower faces, comprising the steps of:

(i) applying an amount of workable bonding material to the hip or ridge joint;[[,]] ~~and~~

(ii) ~~using the device of any preceding claim to bed each tile into the bonding material so as to height position each tile relative to the device.~~
straddling the roof or hip or ridge joint with a tile positioning device
having two opposing spaced apart side members;

(iii) maintaining said side members in a substantially parallel configuration by at least one cross connecting member; and
(iv) providing a tile-pressing element arranged to act upon the upper face of a tile located between the side members, so as to height position the tile relative to the device.

25. (Cancelled) without prejudice or disclaimer

26. (Original) A tile positioning device for positioning a tile on a roof hip or ridge joint, the device comprising:

two opposing longitudinal spaced apart side members arranged for straddling a roof hip or ridge joint,

means for maintaining the longitudinal side members in a substantially parallel configuration, and

at least two foot and/or hand holds extending outwardly from the device.

27. (Original) The device of claim 26, wherein the foot and/or hand holds are displaceable between an in-use position and a stowed position.

28. (Currently Amended) ~~A kit comprising: (i) a~~ A tile-positioning device according to any one of claims claim 1 to 23, 26 or 27; and (ii) further comprising a securing element having a base with at least one fixing member extending therefrom for affixing to a roof member; a retaining member on the base, the retaining member forming an anchor point to which a securing line can be attached.

29. (Currently Amended) The tile-positioning device of A kit according to claim 28 further comprising a securing line for securing the tile positioning device to the securing element.

30. (Currently Amended) The tile-positioning device of A kit according to claim 28 or 29 wherein the securing element is constructed of interconnecting components and

comprises: a first component which is a securing element having a base with at least one fixing member extending therefrom for affixing to a roof member a second component which is connectable to the first component to form the retaining member.

31. (Cancelled) without prejudice or disclaimer (improperly numbered as second claim 30).

32. (Cancelled) without prejudice or disclaimer (improperly numbered as second claim 31).